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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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26. (Currently Amended) A railroad car comprising:

a box body extending longitudinally between a first end of said box body and a second end of said box body, said box body including a first compartment and a second compartment on a first story of said box body and a first compartment and a second compartment on a second story of said box body;

a first landing arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said first story;

a second landing arranged so as to extend longitudinally between said first compartment and said second compartment of said second story;

at least one a single staircase between said first landing and said second landing;

seats arranged in said first and second compartments of said first story and in said first and second compartments of said second story;

a single door provided at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said door on said first end and said door on said second end each being located at said second story of said box body for providing access between said second story of said railroad car at least one other adjacent railroad car;

a bogie positioned at each of said first end and said second end of said box body, said first story of said box body being positioned between said bogies, thereby preventing access between said first story of said railroad car said at least one other adjacent railroad car; and

a means for enabling passengers to locate and to gain access to reserved ones of said seats while preventing opposing flows of said passengers, said means comprising:

at least one side door provided in said box body intermediate said first end and said second end of said box body operable for providing passengers with access to said first landing;

an exterior means for identifying said railroad car, said exterior means being positioned on said railroad car proximate said at least one side door so as to enable a passenger to readily determine an identity of said railroad car by reference to said exterior means;

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a first interior means for identifying said seats that are arranged in each of said first and second compartments of said first story and in each of said first and second compartments of said second story, said first interior means being including:

a first portion positioned proximate said first landing so as to enable a passenger entering said railroad car through said at least one side door to readily determine by reference to said first interior means portion which of said first and second compartments on said first story and said first and second compartments on said second story includes a particular one of said seats, and

a second portion positioned proximate said second landing so as to enable a passenger entering said second landing via said single staircase to readily determine by reference to said second portion which of said first and second compartments on said second story includes a particular one of said seats; and

a second interior means for identifying each of said seats, said second interior means being located within said first and second compartments of said first story and within said first and second compartments of said second story so as to enable a passenger entering said first or second compartment of said first story or said first or second compartment of said second story to readily identify by reference to said second interior means a particular one of said seats.

27. (Previously Presented) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, further comprising a door disposed between each of:

- said first compartment of said first story and said first landing;
- said second compartment of said first story and said first landing;
- said first compartment of said second story and said second landing;
- said second compartment of said second story and said second landing.

28. (Previously Presented) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said exterior means includes a sign identifying said railroad car.

29. (Currently Amended) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said first portion of said first interior means includes a sign indicating numbers associated with said seats in said first and second compartments of said first story and said seats in said first and second compartments of said second story, and said second portion of

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said first interior means includes a sign indicating numbers associated with said seats in said first and second compartments of said second story.

30. (Previously Presented) A railroad car in accordance with claim 26, wherein said second interior means includes at least one of:

elements placed facing said seats on a portion of said box body; and
elements placed on said seats.

31. (New) A train comprising a plurality of railroad cars in accordance with claim 26 hitched up to one another, wherein adjacent railroad cars in said plurality of railroad cars share a common bogie.